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The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele.



LSTA Programs Fact Sheet

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LSTA PRIORITIES

- (1) Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individual's needs for education, life-long learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;
- (2) Establishing or enhancing electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries and entities, as described in section 224(b)(6), for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;
- (3) (A) Providing training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services; and
(B) Enhancing efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;
- (4) Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
- (5) Targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;
- (6) Targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved;
- (7) Developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, State, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks; and
- (8) Carrying out other activities consistent with the purposes set forth in Section 212, as described in the State library administrative agency's plan.



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Continuing Education and Training (CE)

Online and face-to-face learning opportunities for Idaho library staff, including:

- Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) and Supplemental Alternative Basic Library Education (SABLE) Programs.
- CE Grants for First Time Conference Attendance, Formal Library Science. Courses/Professional Development, staff and trustee group training events.
- WebJunction resources, workshops, and courses.
- Statewide training for digital inclusion, leadership, and community building.

e-Branch in a Box

Library websites hosted on LiLI.org, enabling Idaho libraries to establish a web presence with a minimum of specialized technical knowledge and software. Promotes use and supports participants and improvement of the e-Branch system.

Let's Talk About It (LTAI)

In partnership with the Idaho Humanities Council, the program brings together humanities scholars and adult readers in public libraries to read and discuss literature that explores American values, history, and culture.

Mid-Life Adults

Information, training, technical assistance, and resources for Idaho libraries and their community partners, positioning libraries as catalysts in creating opportunities for mid-life adults to learn, teach, lead, build skills, re-career, and become civically engaged.

Networking Services

Network of library services, such as resource sharing and coordinated services, fostering collaboration among libraries. The program largely focuses on Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI), a group of projects and services that bring networked library services to the state of Idaho.

Read to Me (RTM) Programs

Early literacy programs, focused on birth through age 8, for Idaho libraries and their community partners. Emphasis is on pre-reading skills, family support, access to print, and public awareness about early literacy. Programming includes Every Child Ready to Read, My First Books, Idaho Child Care Reads, Jump Start Kindergarten, and Día de los Niños.

Special Projects Library Action Team (SPLAT)

Individuals from Idaho libraries building community and connecting all types of libraries through outreach, mentoring, and coaching activities—putting a face on information.

Summer Reading/Bright Futures

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) membership and program manuals for summer reading programs for birth through teens. Bright Futures Outreach is focused on summer outreach, summer learning loss, access to print, and partnerships with the schools, with an emphasis on K-4th grades.

Talking Book Service (TBS)

Access to information for Idahoans unable to read standard print due to any physical limitation, enabling users to maintain lifelong learning, remain current in their fields of expertise, and more fully participate in their communities. TBS provides audio and Braille books and magazines, as well as audio players to qualified users and creates awareness of the service to potential users.

Tweens and Teens

Information, training, technical assistance, and resources to help Idaho libraries and their partners bridge the gap between children's and adult services. Programming includes Teen Read Week, Teen Tech Week, and "Make It at the Library"—a pilot program supporting the creation of STEAM-based Maker Spaces in five Idaho libraries.